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29. While in that port, plague-infected rats were found on board. The ship sailed from Hamburg on September 17. Up to that date no suspicious case of sickness had occurred on board.

Egypt.—Between September 17 and 23 there were registered in Alexandria 4 cases of plague (with 3 deaths); in Port Said, 1 case.

British India.—In the Bombay Presidency, during the fortnight ended September 10, there were registered 17,520 cases of plague (with 12,594 deaths), of which 130 cases (113 deaths) occurred in the city of Bombay and 11 cases (6 deaths) in Karachi. Since June the number of plague cases has increased from week to week.

British South Africa.—In Cape Colony, during the week ended August 27, 3 new cases of plague were registered in Port Elizabeth.

Queensland.—During the week ended August 20 there were registered 3 fresh cases of plague in Brisbane.

Russia.—In the trans-Caspian district, during the week ended September 25, there were registered 22 cases of cholera (with 11 deaths), of which 19 cases occurred in Merv.

In Baku, during the period from September 18 to 27, there were registered 60 cases of cholera (with 35 deaths).

Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended October 1 was lower than it has been at any time since June of last year, amounting, calculated on the year, to 13.2 per thousand of the population, as compared with 15.7 in the previous week. Of the large towns and cities of Germany, only Barmen, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Charlottenburg (with 11.8), and Schöneberg (with 10.4), had lower mortality figures than Berlin. The following cities had a considerably higher death rate than Berlin, viz, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Carlsruhe, Dresden, Leipsic, Hanover, Magdeburg, Düsseldorf, Munich, Nuremberg, Cologne, Bremen, Kiel, Halle, Breslau, Königsberg, as well as London, Paris, and Vienna. The decrease in the number of deaths was less marked among children in the first years of life, but mainly among the higher-age classes. The death rate among infants dropped from 5.2 per year and thousand to 4.4, thus being lower than the Hamburg, Munich, and Leipsic rate. Acute diseases of the respiratory organs again showed an increase, causing 56 deaths. Acute intestinal diseases, although claiming 91 victims, showed a decrease as compared with the figures of the previous week. Twenty-six infants and 2 adult persons succumbed to cholera. Furthermore, there were registered 73 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis, 23 deaths from cancer, 2 deaths from influenza, 16 deaths from scarlet fever, 5 deaths from diphtheria, 3 deaths from measles, and 13 cases of enteric fever (no deaths).

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Peters reports as follows: Week ended October 17, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths reported; prevailing diseases, malarial; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 11	Colombia	18
11	Anselm	40
12	Hispania	21

The *Anselm* and *Hispania* cleared from Puerto Barrios.

HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Outgoing quarantine.

Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer reports, October 3, 10, and 17, as follows:

Week ended October 8, 1904. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 6; vessels disinfected, 1; cabin passengers inspected, 54; steerage passengers inspected, 64; crew inspected, 35; pieces of steerage passengers' baggage disinfected and passed, 65; pieces of crew's baggage disinfected and passed, 45; hides and skins disinfected, none; pieces of freight disinfected, 10; passengers and crew declined certification on account of fever, none.

Week ended October 15, 1904. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 1; vessels disinfected, 1; cabin passengers inspected, 3; steerage passengers inspected, none; crew inspected, 14; pieces of steerage passengers' baggage disinfected and passed, 10; pieces of crew's baggage disinfected and passed, 17; hides and skins disinfected, 215; pieces of freight disinfected, none; passengers and crew declined certification on account of fever, none.

Quarantine transactions in the Hawaiian Islands for the month of September, 1904.

HONOLULU.

(Incoming quarantine.)

Steam vessels inspected and passed	17
Crew on steam vessels	3, 057
Passengers on steam vessels	4, 433
Sailing vessels inspected and passed	10
Crew on sailing vessels	174
Passengers on sailing vessels	10
Sick in detention from last month	0
In detention from last month	0
Sick in detention for this month	0
In detention for this month	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected	0
Packages of freight disinfected	0
Vaccination	0
Steam vessels disinfected	0
Sailing vessels disinfected	0

HILO, HAWAII.

Steam vessels inspected and passed	1
Crew on steam vessels	37
Passengers on steam vessels	10
Sailing vessels inspected and passed	1
Crew on sailing vessels	13
Passengers on sailing vessels	0